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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: Notice of Extension of Proposal Submission Period for Now Open Competitive
Procurement of Renewable Energy Program Tranche 2 Solicitation
Docket No. 2018-202-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” and, together with DEC, the “Companies”) hereby submit this letter to notify the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) of an extension of the period for submission of proposals into Tranche 2 of the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (“CPRE”) Program solicitation process. The Companies are filing this letter with the Commission for informational purposes, as the Companies’ highlighted the initial solicitation schedule in their Petition to Extend Limited Waivers of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Planned Issuance of CPRE Tranche 2 Queue Number (“Petition”) filed in the above-referenced docket.¹

The CPRE Tranche 2 solicitation was issued on October 15, 2019, and provided that all Proposals were required to be submitted by December 15, 2019. On December 2, 2019, the NCUC issued an *Order Extending Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation Response Deadline and Rescheduling Stakeholder Meeting*², granting a Joint Motion³ filed on behalf of the Companies, the NC Public Staff, solar industry representatives, and the CPRE Program Independent Administrator requesting an extension of the proposal submission deadline. The NCUC Order directs the Independent Administrator to extend the deadline for submission of proposals from

¹ Petition, at ¶ 15. The Petition explained that the Planned Schedule for Tranche 2 was preliminary and subject to change, and specifically noted that the planned December 15, 2019, deadline for submission of proposals was subject to adjustment by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“NCUC”). *Id.* at fn. 22.

² See *Order Extending Tranche 2 CPRE RFP Solicitation Response Deadline And Rescheduling Stakeholder Meeting*, N.C.U.C. Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156 (Dec. 2, 2019) (“NCUC Order”).

³ See Joint Motion, N.C.U.C. Docket Nos. E-2, Sub 1159 and E-7, Sub 1156 (filed Nov. 22, 2019).

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December 15, 2019 to February 17, 2020, and approves certain other adjustments to the Tranche 2 solicitation schedule.

The CPRE Program Independent Administrator has notified interested market participants of these schedule changes and posted the updated Planned Tranche 2 Schedule dates to the IA's website, available at https://decprerfp2019.accionpower.com/rfp_1902/accionhome.asp. As a result, market participants will now have additional time to finalize and submit their bids for CPRE Tranche 2.

Again, the Companies are making this filing for informational purposes only. These adjustments to the CPRE Tranche 2 solicitation implementation schedule do not impact the waivers recently granted by Commission Order No. 2019-817, which will allow solar generator proposals located in South Carolina to be evaluated under the same process as solar generator proposals located in North Carolina.

Sincerely,



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cc: Parties of record